

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1/ A protection piece for a side bodywork part, the piece possessing both a wall suitable for covering at least part of the side bodywork part and a flap for extending
5 towards the side bodywork part, the flap being arranged to be capable of retracting so as to allow the wall of said protection piece to move towards the side bodywork part such that in the event of contact with an obstacle and for forces below a predetermined threshold only the
10 protection piece is deformed, while the side bodywork part is preserved.

2/ A piece according to claim 1, in which the flap is arranged to retract by buckling.

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3/ A piece according to claim 1, in which the flap is arranged to retract by folding.

4/ A piece according to claim 1, in which the flap is
20 arranged to retract by advancing beyond the side bodywork part.

5/ A motor vehicle bodywork assembly comprising a side bodywork part and a protection piece according to claim
25 1.

6/ An assembly according to claim 5, including a support piece for the protection piece.

30 7/ An assembly according to claim 5, in which the side bodywork part is a fender.

8/ An assembly according to claim 5, in which the side bodywork part is an outside panel of a door.

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9/ An assembly according to claim 5, further comprising fastener means for uniting the flap of the protection piece and the side bodywork part.

5 10/ An assembly according to claim 9, in which the fastener means are fusible.

11/ An assembly according to claim 10, in which the fusible fastener means are constituted by rivets made of
10 plastics material.

12/ An assembly according to claim 10, in which the fusible fastener means are constituted by spot welds.

15 13/ An assembly according to claim 10, in which the side bodywork part presents a setback in register with the protection piece.

14/ An assembly according to claim 13, in which the
20 protection piece occupies the setback and, seen from outside the vehicle, appears to extend the side bodywork part.

15/ A motor vehicle side bodywork part, presenting a
25 setback on the outside of the vehicle in order to receive a protection piece according to claim 1.